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COMMUNICATION

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Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action mailed on March 2, 2006
requesting election of claims. A petition to extend the time of response by one month
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Applicants believe that no additional fees are required for submission of
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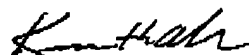
Applicants elect group VI encompassing method claims 10-12 and 15.

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This election is without traverse.

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